

Antolin Kock Selected To Go To U.S. For Training



One of the youngest apprentices to ever be selected for specialized training in the U. S. is Antolin Kock, 18 year old graduate apprentice of the Instrument Shop.

Four years ago Antolin started the Apprentice Training Course and through hard work and perseverance graduated this year. Because he did carry on and graduate the Management selected him to go to the U. S. for 10 weeks beginning October 13, for special training pertaining to calculating machines, typewriters and adding machines.

Few boys in the world at the age of 18 have ever had the opportunity to travel to a foreign land on full salary with all expenses paid to receive special training. We understand this is Antolin's first trip away from Aruba, so it is with best wishes that we bid him good luck, a happy landing and a safe return.

Un di e aprendiznan di mas jong pa worde escogí pa bai tuma un curso di training especial na Merca ta Antolin Kock di 18 anja bieuw, gradua aprendiz di Instrument Shop.

Cuatro anja pasá Antolin a cuminsa cu e Curso di Training pa Aprendiznan i door di trabao duro i perseverancia a

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Logoite Bombs Hungary

Word has been received from Ned Smith son of L. G. Smith that he is now based in Italy and has already been on three bombing missions over Hungary.

Ned is a 2nd Lieut. and on the above missions acted as Navigator and Bombardier. From the destruction he has seen in Italy Ned states that Italy has certainly paid a terrible price for her participation in this war.

Safety Sweepstakes Prove a Success

The Safety Sweepstakes was inaugurated August 1, 1943, for the purpose of encouraging the employees in each department to reduce accidents and injuries. From August 1943 through August 1944, there have been 3,316 monthly prizes (half tickets) and 459 grand prizes (whole tickets). The employees of all departments have shared in the prizes, some receiving more than others depending upon the number of accidents per thousand employees in the department. From all these prizes the employees have received Fls. 13,775 from the Bond Fortuna tickets — a very handsome figure, which emphasizes that safety pays.

In general, the Safety Sweepstakes, as a Safety Incentive Program, is considered to have been beneficial, however, it is not intended as a permanent feature. Many such programs that are continued over a long period of time without change, gradually lose effectiveness as the novelty of the idea wears off. For this reason, it may be expected that the Safety Sweepstakes may be discontinued in the near future and some other incentive plan introduced at a later date. The more the departments and employees demonstrate their interest in a safety incentive program through accident prevention and consequently a reduction in industrial injuries, the greater will be the chances for other attractive and beneficial programs to be inaugurated in the future.

Winner of Purple Heart Returns to Aruba



We all take pleasure in welcoming back Hippolyte C. Lawrence of Lab. No. 1 who left Aruba 16 months ago to fight as a Free Frenchman.

Lawrence, who calls French St. Martin home, came to Aruba in 1938 and started to work in Lab. No. 1 as sample boy. In 1940 feeling a strong desire to enter into the fight he went home to St. Martin for the purpose of joining the Army. But because of his youth he was unable to enlist as he was only 19 years of age. So he returned to Aruba and worked until 1943 when he contacted Mr. Neme of Oranjestad, the Free French Representative in Aruba, and obtained permission to go to Trinidad where he started his preliminary training as a pilot.

From Trinidad he was transferred to Texas and thence to New York. In New York along with other training such as Commando etc. he received parachute training. A funny thing happened one day while practicing jumps. It seems that he and a number of other lads made a jump over Long Island and upon landing found themselves on the lawn of a large estate.

Before they could pick themselves up an

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WINNER OF PURPLE HEART

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old gardener was upon them inquiring as to what they were doing there when there were signs all around stating to "Keep off the Grass". Everything was smoothed over however when they explained that they could not read the signs from where they had jumped.

Lawrence obtained his wings in Canada and went from there to England where he flew a P47C with the Eagle Squadron. He was unable to fly some of the other well known planes such as the P40 and P38 due to his height (6'-2"). His head was always sticking out and that he says is not so good.

From England he was transferred to North Africa where he met Charles De Gaulle. And from there he moved on to the Italian front and to Cassino where he flew over 120 missions before being shot down. When asked to tell how it happened he just grinned and said it was just one of those things. It seems that he and two of his buddies were flying along doing a little hunting and upon coming out of a cloud 4 Messerschmitts appeared from no where and he was unfortunate to catch the first burst from one of the Germans in his right wing, the second burst hit his cockpit instrument board and him. That is about all he remembers until about 7 hours later when he woke up in a hospital with a hole through him.

Whether he pulled the rip cord on his parachute or whether it opened automatically he does'nt know. But he says he is mighty glad it got opened. He was picked up by one of the men of the 36th Division of the Texas Rangers. The Rangers he says "is the fightness group of men he has ever seen" and that he cannot praise them too highly.

When asked if he had shot down any planes he stated that he would rather not make any statement until he received definite proof from headquarters.

Lawrence, after he was shot down, spent some time in Italy in the hospital and then was sent to Long Island and from there to Trinidad where he received a medical discharge and the Purple Heart.

So again we say welcome back Hippolyte, we are glad you are here.

One hundred and twenty eight (128) suggestions were discussed by the C.Y.I. Committee during August, out of which 11 were recommended for awards. Total awards amounted to Fls. 435.00.

Crippen Wins Aruba Open



Crippen - Rodger - Chod - McCoart was camera shy.

Turning in scores of 72, 74, and 79 proved good enough for Crippen to win the Aruba Open for the second straight year. From a small field of entrants, a number of low handicap players being on vacation, Crippen and Eddie McCoart were far out in front. The winning score was 225, for a 37.5 average per nine holes. McCoart was second with 233, or 38.8 average. This gives Crippen a tie with Harmon Poole for winning the Open the most times. Each man has finished first three times, Poole gaining his victories in 1937, 38, and 39.

Bob Rodger won first in the handicap scores, being three under par. Crippen tied for low honors in net score with Bob, but as only one prize can be awarded a person, Bob receives full honors in this event. Chod finished in second place, only one stroke behind.

The five low gross scores were as follows:

Crippen	225
McCoart	233
Coy Cross	241
Bob Rodger	243
Mundinger	252

The five low net scores were as follows:

Crippen	213
Bob Rodger	213
Chod	214
McCoart	221
Mundinger	222

SERVICE AWARDS

September, 1944

10-Year Buttons

Thomas S. Flanegin	Boiler
Augustin Kelly	Boiler
Leoncio Lor. Oduber	Bldg. & Maint.
Jose Los Santos Thyzer	Commissary
Evaristo Fidanku	Electrical
Crismo Thiel	Dry-Dock
William F. Hodge	Instrument
Arthur Smith MacNutt	Instrument
Laurens Hip. Maduro	Labor
Vidal Joseph Giel	Labor
Christoffel Thielman	Labor
Reily Jack	Lago Police
Welsely T. M. Pandt	L. O. F.
Leo Th. Esser	Machinist
Lucas Vroolijk	Marine Wharves
Johannes Tromp	Paint
Josef Petroke	Paint
Estanislao Henriquez	Paint
Francisco V. Maduro	Paint
Mariano Petroke	Paint
Theodoor Dirksz	Paint
Thomas Bremer	Pipe
Thomas E. Maduro	Pipe
Domingo Geerman	Pipe
Mateo Boekhoudt	Pressure Stills
William Angela	Store-house
Henzi Maduro	Store-house

Gravendijk Wins Top C.Y.I. Award for August



A. M. Gravendijk's suggestion pertaining to an accounting procedure won the top award for August of Fls. 200.00. Although the idea was not adopted as it was originally suggested, it did result in an alteration to the present system, thereby affording a definite savings to the Company.

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You And Your Committe

Employees of the Lago Oil & Transport Company have the opportunity of dealing with Management on all matters of mutual interest through the "Committee Plan of Representation".

Employee interest and sincere enthusiasm in this Plan will determine to a great extent the success and benefits to be obtained therefrom. The opportunity is available; employees should therefore make the most of it!!

As should any member of a democratic organization, an employee should consider it his duty and responsibility to take an active part in the election of a group of representatives in whom he has confidence to deal with Management on matters that vitally effect him.

It is recognized that the election as a member of the Committee is a definite indication that ones fellow-workers have confidence in his ability and is a distinct honor and privilege, as well as a substantial responsibility.



SHIFT SCHEDULE - OCTOBER

— SEND IN THAT IDEA TODAY —

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Safety Sweepstakes a Proba di ta un Exito

Safety Sweepstakes a worde inaugura dia 1 di Agosto, 1943, cu e proposito di anima empleadonan den cada departamento pa reduci accidentenan i desgracianan. Fo'i Agosto 1943 te Agosto 1944, tabatin 3,316 premionan obsequia mensualmente (mitar bijetchinan) i 459 premionan grandi (bijetchinan henter). Empleadonan di tur departamentonan a tumar parti den e premionan, algun di nan recibiendo mas cu otro dependiendo arriba e cantidad di accidentenan pa cada mil empleado den e departamento. E empleadonan a ricibi un suma di Fls. 13,775 for di e premionan aki proveniente di bijetchinan di Bond Fortuna cu a libra — un cifra basta regular, cual ta duna bo di comprende cu seguridad ta un fuente productivo.

Generalmente, e Safety Sweepstakes, como un Programa pa Propaga Seguridad, ta worde considera di tabata benefico, sin embargo, no tabatin intencion pa sigui cu n'e. Hopi di e programanan ey cu ta worde continua durante un periodo largo di tempo sin cambio, gradualmente ta perde interes como cu e novedad di e idea ta desaparece. Pa e motibo aki, bo por spera cu e Safety Sweepstakes worde discontinua den cercano futuro i cu algun otro plan nobo worde introduci despues. Mientras mas e departamentonan i empleadonan demonstra nan interes den un programa incitativo di seguridad door di evita accidentenan i consecuentemente reduci desgracianan sufri na trabao, mas grandi e oportunidadnan lo ta pa otro programanan atrayente i benefico worde inaugura den futuro.

Tankers Collide Near Aruba

Shortly after 3:00 p. m. Monday September 18, Aruba was awakened by an explosion and a lurid glow in the sky at sea in a southwest direction from San Nicolas. U. S. Navy rescue vessels were quickly on the scene of the fire and slowly the full story of one of the greatest disasters that has occurred in this vicinity was unfolded.

Among those lost was the Master of one of the vessels, who was a resident of Lago Colony. Our sincere sympathy is extended to his family and all others bereaved by this catastrophe.

Services for those who lost their lives in the disaster were held September 24 in the Methodist Church conducted by Rev. Hillier, and in the Colony church conducted by Rev. Dawe. On September 25, Requiem Mass was held in the Catholic Church.

Santa Cruz-Savaneta All Stars Beat San Nicholaas All Stars 2-1



Santa Cruz-Savaneta All Stars

Back Row, left to right, Adolph, Herman, Chico, Apriono, Fabio, Frans, Henriques. Front Row, left to right, Antonio, Adrian, Koi, Rey, Frans.



San Nicholaas All Stars

Back Row, left to right, Efigenio, Marcelo, Kelly, Remiro, Sneek. Front Row, left to right, Juan, Frans, Jonchi, Venancio, Andries, Enrique.

In a hotly contested football match at the Lago Sport Park on the Queen's birthday, the Santa Cruz-Savaneta All Stars managed to beat the San Nicholaas All Stars by one score to take the Lago Sport Park trophy.

The game was lively from the start. Both teams showing plenty of fight. Final score

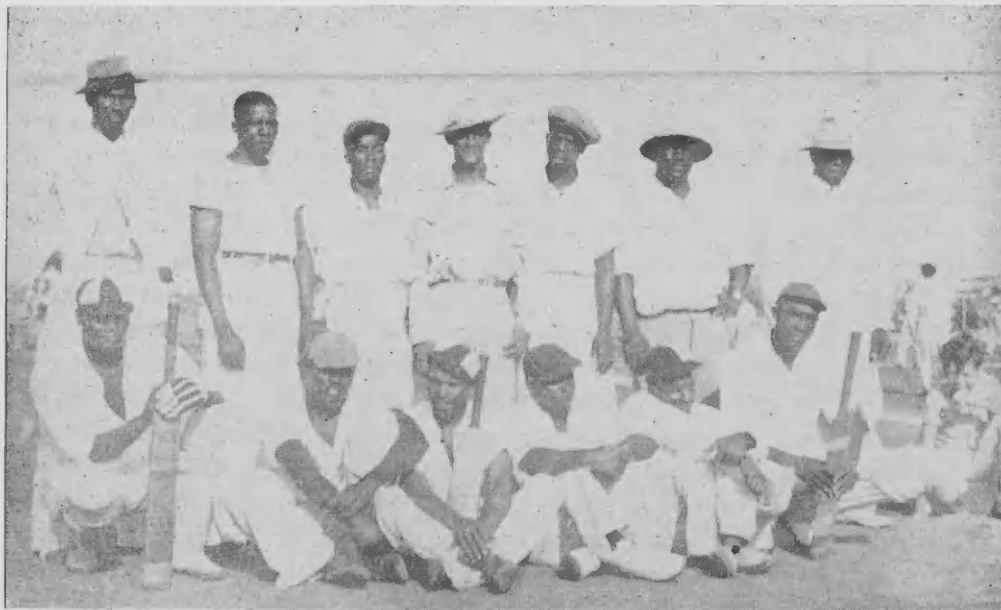
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San Nicholaas All Stars — 1

Time Ends Queen's Birthday Cricket Match In A Tie



All British Cricket Team

Back Row: Left to right, Priest (umpire), Knights, McLean, Huckleman, Robinson, Martin, West (umpire). Front Row: Left to right, Dalrymple, Butts, Brown, Bacchus & Guischard. Not in Picture, Roach and Perrotte (Capt.).



All Netherlands Cricket Team

Back Row: Left to right, Priest (umpire), Wilson, Richards, Lopes, Lake, Hillman (Capt.), West (umpire). Front Row: Left To right, Spanner, Cooper, Canwood, Richardson, Dossette, Emmanuel.

When time was called at 4:30 P. M. on August 31 at the Lago Sport Park, the score of the cricket game between the "All Netherlands" team and the "All British" team indicated that the game had ended in a draw. The score being 157 for the "All British" and 129 for 9 for the "All Netherlands".

The top scorers were Canwood for the "All Netherlands" and Martin for the "All British".

It was agreed to match a game for some future date to determine who will carry off the Championship Trophy presented by Lago.

Are You Qualified To Drive A Motor Vehicle?

It has been a long standing requirement of the company, that all drivers of Motor Vehicles, such as Automobiles, Trucks, Motorcycles and Auto Gliders (Scooters) be fully qualified drivers.

The above requirement was thought necessary for reasons of safety and to lessen the possibilities of motor accidents in the refinery and in your colony. In other words the requirement is for yours and your fellow workers protection.

Now in order to be a qualified driver one must possess a valid drivers license. To obtain a valid drivers license one must be physically fit and pass certain prescribed tests to prove that he or she is familiar with the motor vehicle to be operated, and is also familiar with all traffic regulations. It has been proven that certain people through no fault of their own, should not drive an automobile because of the danger of injury to themselves or other persons. It has also been proven that the majority or she is familiar with the motor vehicle not considered capable of driving an automobile.

By possessing a valid drivers license, and being classed as a qualified driver does not make one incapable of having an accident. But anyone possessing a valid drivers license has proven that he is familiar with the various traffic regulations, thereby lessening the possibilities of an accident.

So if you operate a motor vehicle from time to time, or regularly, help protect yourself and others by obtaining a valid drivers license as soon as possible.

The Lago Police Department will gladly help you if you need any assistance.

Richards completes an off shot in cricket game between All British & All Netherlands teams, with Brown as keeper and Robinson on the legs.



Brown - Richards - Robinson

Gomes Beats C. Dare to Win N.W.I. Table Tennis Championship



In three straight games G. A. Gomes of the Accounting Department defeated C. Dare the Table Tennis Champion of Curaçao to take the Governor's Cup and become undisputed Champion of the Netherlands West Indies.

The Championship match was played in Curaçao, September 2, at the Brion Theatre before a large audience. Although it was a question in the beginning as to who was the best man — Gomes soon hit his stride and beat his opponent 21 — 11, 21 — 9, 21 — 10.

The Cup presented by Governor Kassteel is to become the permanent property of the Island winning the cup three times in succession. Games are to be played every 6 months between the Champions of Aruba, Curaçao and Bonaire.

Atolin Kock

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gradua e anja aki. Pa motibo cu e a sigui cu su programa i a gradua Directiva a a escogí pa bai Merca pa un periodo di 10 siman cuminzando cu 13 di October, cual proposito lo ta un curso di training especial relativo na machinnan di calcula, machinnan di scirbi i machinnan di conta.

Poco mucha-hombenan na mundo cu e edad di 18 anja a yega di haya e oportunidad pa haci un biaha na un pais estranhero recibiendo pago completo i tur gastonan pagá i ademas disfruta di un training especial. Nos ta comprende cu esaki ta Antolin su prome biaha for di Aruba, asina ta cu cordialmente nos ta deseé bon suerte i un regreso sana i salvo.

Fourth Group Completes Light Oils Job Training Course



Back Row (left to right) George Schonherr, Raymond Tjin A Djie, Prosper Tackling, Hugo Van Vliet, Edgar Leysner, Juan Quant, Carlito Croes, Melvin Pandt, Hipolito Gumbs, Ramiro De Kort, Luis Werleman, Ubaldo Croes, John Ellis, Eugene Gouveia, Felipe Hoevertsz, Charles Becker, Edgar Da Silva, Esteban Rodriguez. Bottom Row (Left to right) Mohamed Khan, John Da Silva, Edgerton Mirjah, Paschal Serrao, Joaquin Vieira, Marcello Geerman, Wilfred D'Aguiar, Luis Winterdal, Sanford Bradshaw.

George Brown and Luis Donata graduated but do not appear in the picture.

The above group of men are the fourth group of a total of 131 men who have taken advantage during the past four years of the opportunity for training that has been provided by the Light Oils Finishing Department Job Training Course.

All of these men who have completed the course, including the above group of graduates, are to be complimented for their perseverance in the face of such obstacles as, in some cases a limited knowledge of the language; transportation problems, and trying to study under blackout conditions, in addition to the normal extra effort required to participate in any adult educational program conducted apart from regular working hours.

Without doubt these men feel a greater confidence in themselves, based soundly on an increased knowledge of their work. The evidence that Management places confidence in men who have improved their ability on the job by applying the knowledge gained in the training program can be seen by analyzing the follow-information on types of process jobs now being filled by graduates of the training program.

At the time the course started, six regular employees were promoted to staff positions as assistant operators on a trial basis, all others were in the levelman, treater, pumper, or one of the process helper brackets.

At present, eleven graduates have attained either full time or part time positions as first class operators; thirty one graduates have attained positions as assistant operators; sixty eight graduates are levelmen, treaters or pumpers; thirteen graduates are housemen or process helpers. Only eight graduates are no longer in the department.

The above men are from fifteen different homelands with Aruba leading the list. They are as follows; Aruba 38; Surinam 32; British Guiana 17; St. Martin (N) 9; St. Martin (F) 7; St. Eustacius 6; St. Vincent 6; Bonaire 5; Curaçao 3; Grenada 3; St. Kitts, St. Lucia, Trinidad, Puerto Rico and the U.S., 1 each.

Colony Commissary Bids Jane Vlaun Adios



Mr. Wolf of the Lago Colony Commissary presents a gift to Miss Jane Vlaun, given to her by her fellow workers. Miss Vlaun, who has been an employee of the Commissary for the past three years, leaves soon to make her home with her relatives in the United States.

Women Golf Club Members Present Parting Gift



Back row left to right: Lois Maxwell, Anita Ward, Claire Burson, Ella Poole, Fanny, Frances Uhr, Peggy Miller, Frances Moseley, Ida Cross, Pearl Ogden. Seated: Dorothy Richardson, Doris Baggaley, Elba Gardere, Margaret Wade, Frances Thurman, Gladys Baggaley.

On September 13, the women members of the Aruba Golf Club presented to Fanny of Fanny's Shop a parting gift in appreciation of her interest and cooperation in promoting the womens tournaments and activities at the Club.

Fanny sponsored the first womens tournament at the Club in 1939 and has sponsored one every year since. Fanny's tournament has been one of the most popular tournaments of the Club and has always drawn a large number of entries. The winners of the trophy since 1939 are the following: 1939, Mrs. H. M. Hatfield, 1940, Mrs. R. H. Baggaley, 1941, Mrs. John Preston, 1942, Mrs. D. I. Maxwell, 1943, Mrs. Thomas Russell, 1944, Mrs. Roy Thurman.

Capt. Reidy Meets ex Mayor in Italy



Captain Reidy, who has been coming to Aruba for the past 14 years, returned recently for a brief stay, after having spent the past 11 months acting as Port Captain in various ports following the Allied Armies advance in Italy.

A few months ago Captain Reidy happened to notice a fellow who he thought he had seen some place before (and as it was learned later the other fellow thought the same thing about Captain Reidy). Well, after some time the two managed to get together and after passing a few remarks (as one usually does) such as, was it in Baltimore?, No, Baton Rouge?. No, Baytown? No, Casper?. No, Aruba? Yes. Now it turned out that the stranger from Aruba was none other than Aruba's ex Major Jerry Krastel. Captain Krastel has been in charge of laying pipe lines through-out Italy and from all reports has done a grand job.

After arriving in Italy where it seemed that every Italian you talked to had a relative in the U. S., Capt. Reidy had an opportunity to talk to a number of American prisoners of war that had been liberated by the invasion. The men stated that one of the events of each month while they were prisoners was the distribution of boxes supplied by the Red Cross.

Food was always a problem due to the rapid advance of the armies and also that there were no restaurants in any of the towns. It was necessary to live entirely on K. rations. Living condi-

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tions in every city were very poor because all utilities had been destroyed by the retreating Germans. So it was with great pleasure that the Captain sat down with his good friends Min and Joe Josephson of the Colony to a real home cooked meal.

Proof of being real patriots was shown by the Yugoslavs, both men and women, who fought and worked and would not accept any pay out side of food and keep.

Sometimes we question some of the stories about the ruthlessness of the Germans. But one story Capt. Reidy was able to verify. On a trip to Rome he had the opportunity to visit a cave where the Germans had murdered 300 to 500 men, and women and children because one Italian had fired on a group of German soldiers. The sight of bodies piled 5 feet high and the odor in that cave the Captain stated will long be remembered by all those who had the opportunity to view this atrocity.

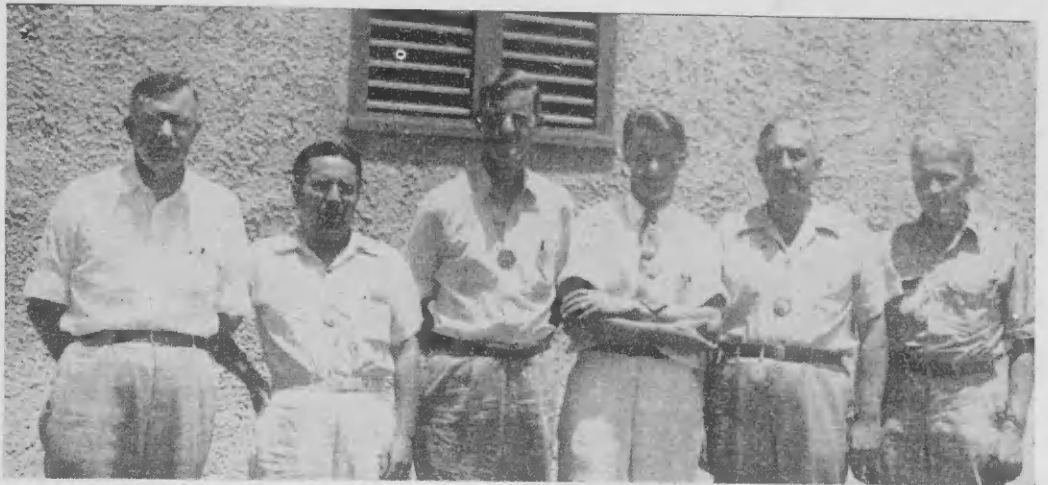
MAJORETTES

Left to right, Tommy Richey, Pauline Morgan, Betty Ann Binnion, Dorothy Stewart.

Our selection of pin-up girls for October are the American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps Majorettes. May their activities here in Aruba serve as a stepping stone toward fame and good fortune.

**FOREIGN STAFF EMPLOYEES'
COUNCIL ELECTION**

**PRIMARY: October 9, 1944
FINAL: October 16, 1944**

T. S. D. INCREASES STAFF

Left to right: R. A. Goodfellow, M. L. Bowser, M. A. Brace, T. H. Huitfeldt, L. H. Reeder, W. M. Lindell.

During the first part of September six new men joined the Technical Service Department. Among these men were Tommy Huitfeldt a former employee who came here originally in 1939 and M. L. Bowser who was here for six months in 1938. All of these men are from G. E. D. and are here on a loan basis, it being necessary for them to return to the States before December 1st.

The majority of the men expressed themselves as being surprised at finding Aruba so pleasant. Mr. Lindell stated that he enjoyed the fishing here very much and that he hoped to return some time in the future to catch that big one that got away.

We are sorry to have these men leave so soon. But it would be nice to be home for Xmas.

**18 Youngsters Compete For Honors In
Lago Heights Baby Contest**

On August 26, the Lago Heights Club Committee sponsored a Baby Contest to determine the Healthiest Baby Girl, Healthiest Baby Boy, the Cutest Baby Girl and the Cutest Baby Boy.

THE WINNERS

The judges, Miss Olga Singh, Mrs. A. A. Kallos, Mrs. S. P. Viapree, Mrs. J. Amóroso, Mrs. J. Moses, and Mrs. E. Tullock, after much deliberation declared the following to be the winners:

Healthiest Baby Girl	Age
Marie A. de Jongh	2 Weeks to 1 Year
Elizabeth de Vries	1 Year — 2 Years
Patsy Warner	2 Year — 4 Years
Healthiest Baby Boy	Age
Lawrence Stewart	2 Weeks to 1 Year
George Allen	1 Year — 2 Years
Herman Esser	2 Year — 4 Years
Cutest Baby Girl	Age
Marie A. de Jongh	2 Weeks to 1 Year
Jacqueline Yankama	1 Year — 2 Years
Fay Rohee	2 Year — 4 Years
Cutest Baby Boy	Age
Henk de Vries	2 Weeks to 1 Year
George Allen	1 Year — 2 Years
Herman Esser	2 Year — 4 Years

It was agreed by all that the contest was a grand success, and it is hoped that a similar contest will be held next year.